

# ► Development of a High-Efficiency Natural Gas-to-Hydrogen Fueling System

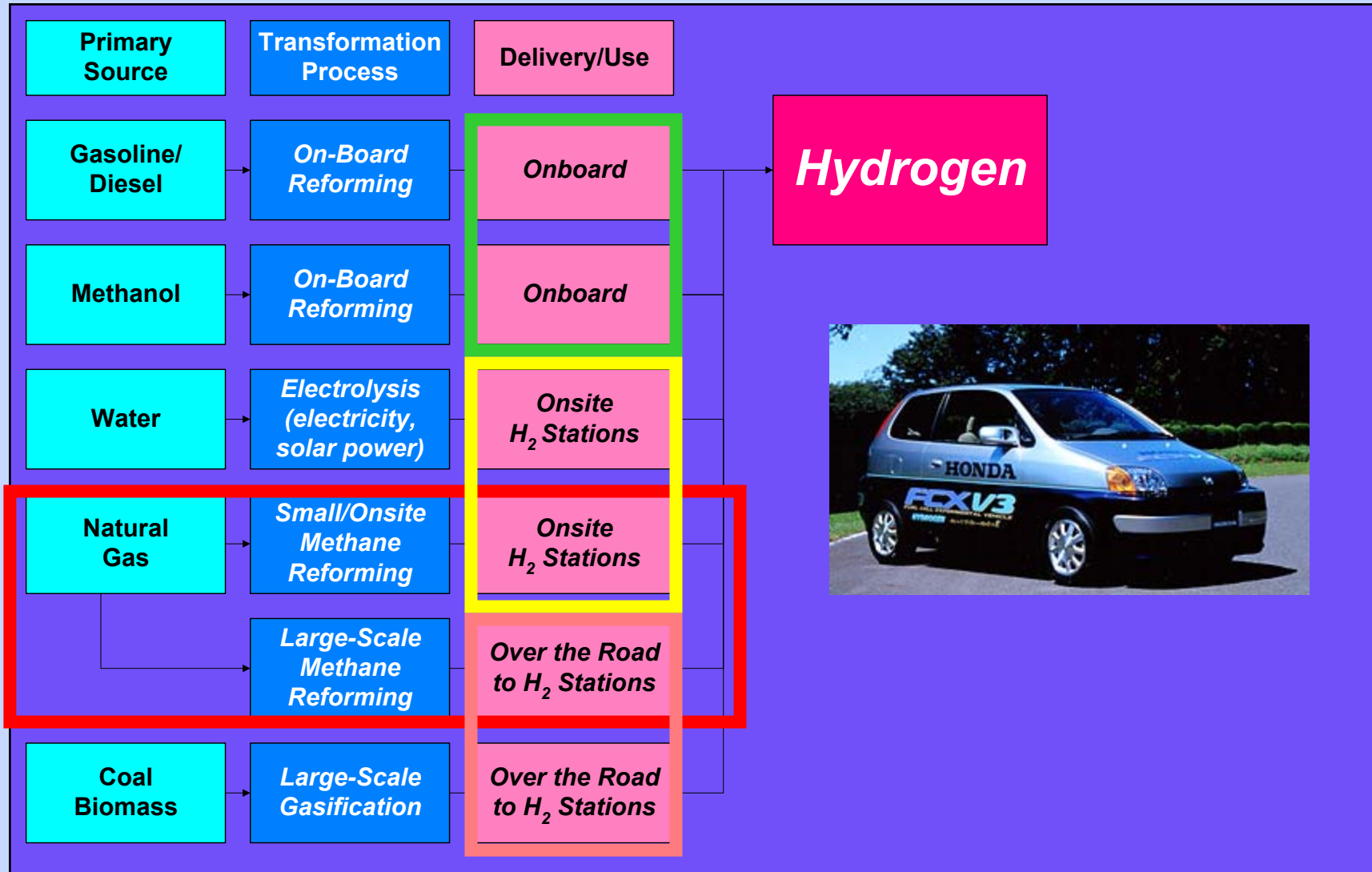
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# Hydrogen Supply & Infrastructure



# DOE/GTI Hydrogen Fueling Program

- **High-Efficiency Onsite Steam Methane Reforming**
  - **\$4.2 million program**
    - Partners: FuelMaker Corp., Tulsa Gas Technologies, others
  - **Address:**
    - High-efficiency steam methane reforming
    - Innovative fuel processing
    - Appliance-quality hydrogen compression
    - Advanced fuel dispenser
    - System modeling (performance, economics)
    - System control and integrated product development for reliability and cost
  - **Leverage substantial compressed gas vehicle experience**



# Natural Gas Reforming

- **Extensive Experience Reforming Natural Gas (and other fuels) to Hydrogen**
  - 40 years of fuel cell experience
- **Current PEM System for Stationary Market**
  - **Mosaic Energy**
    - Natural Gas
    - Naphtha
- **Modifying Design For H<sub>2</sub> Generation**



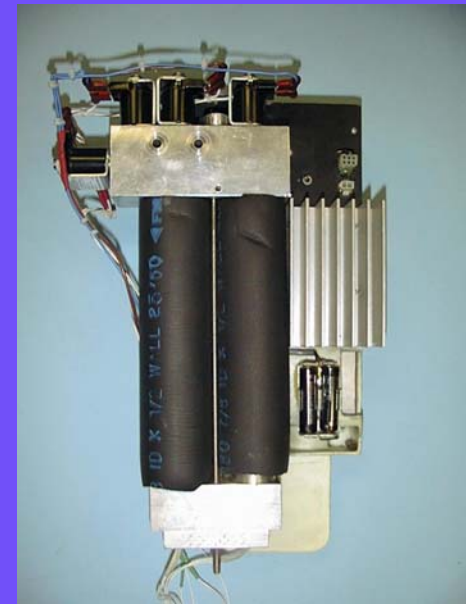
*Mosaic Energy – Early PEM prototype on Natural Gas*



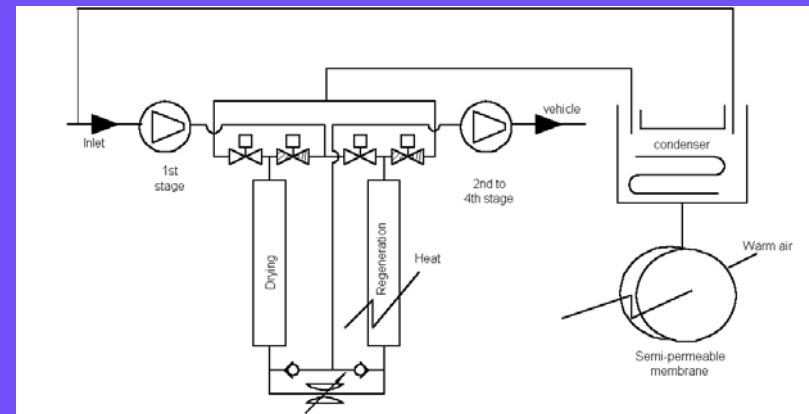
*Mosaic Energy PEM fuel cell in Tokyo running on reformed naphtha*

# Gas Processing

- **Develop Compact and Regenerable System**
  - Remove water and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)
- **Based on FuelMaker's current Dryer technology**
  - Integrated columns, manifold, valves, heaters, and controls
  - Evaluate membranes and dessicants
- **Integrate Compression and Dryer/Purifier Systems Into One Appliance**



***FuelMaker – Compact  
TSA/PSA Unit***





# Gas Compression

- **Compressor Design/Development**
  - Modifications for reformat stream, increased operating pressure, and integration of the Dryer/Purifier
- **Motor Design and Selection**
  - Evaluate AC, DC, variable speed operation
- **Controls Design**
  - 7500 psig operation, cost/reliability impact
- **Electronics and Software**
  - Operation of compression, Dryer/Purifier, and dispenser
- **Build Benchscale Prototypes**
  - Extensive testing and modifications to attain flowrate/power/pressure targets

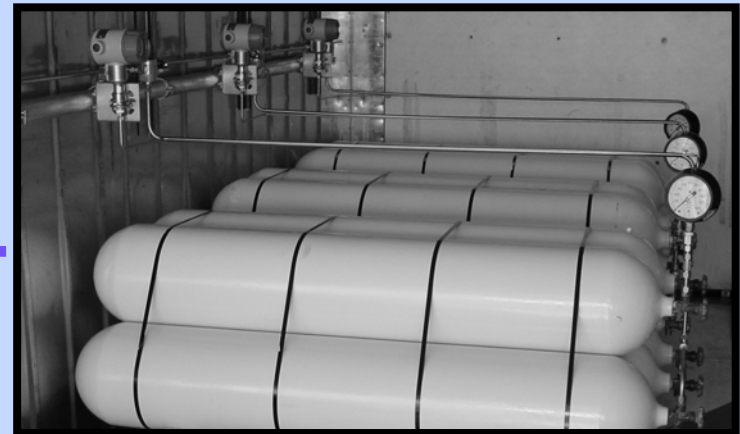


*Concept Based on Current FMQ-10 NGV Product*



# Gas Storage & Dispensing

- GTI Will Develop “Hydrogen AccuFill” System
  - Conduct Low, Mid, and High-Temperature Fill Tests In GTI Environmental Chamber
  - Use First Principle Thermodynamic Model (CHARGE) To Develop Filling Algorithm
    - Patented Approach for Accurate Fast-Fill Dispensing
  - Address Fast-Fill Temperature Rise

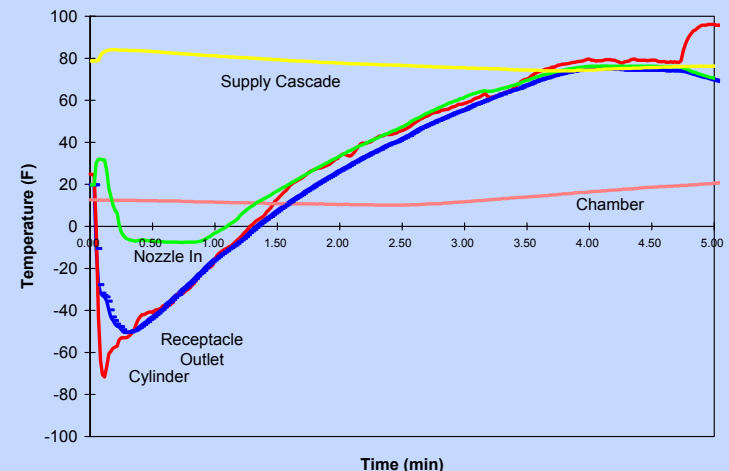


*Testing in GTI's 3000 ft<sup>3</sup> Environmental Chamber  
(High and Low Temp.)*

*Full Size 7000 psig H<sub>2</sub> Cascade  
(11,000 scf)*

*Evaluate on Three Different H<sub>2</sub> Vehicle  
Cylinders  
(steel, aluminum, plastic liners)*

*Precision Instrumentation*



# Hydrogen Dispensing

- **Work With Leading High-Pressure Dispenser Manufacturer**
  - Public-Style H2 Dispenser With TGT
  - FuelMaker to produce private fast-fill system
- **Modify CNG Dispenser for High-Pressure H2**
- **Address Range of Issues:**
  - Meter availability, display units for public sale, high-pressure hose availability, suitability for Group B service
- **Incorporation of AccuFill Algorithm**



***Tulsa Gas Technologies  
CNG Dispenser***

*Sponsored by GTI*



# System Modeling

## Economic and Systems Analysis

- **Hydrogen Fuel Station Economic Model**
  - Builds on extensive NGV experience
- **Features:**
  - Variable & probabilistic costs
  - Variable utilization and life
  - Tax, incentive, and subsidy effects
- **Monte Carlo Functionality**
- **Use HYSIS for Process Modeling**

### Hydrogen Reformer Fueling Station Economic Model

#### Operating Parameters

Station Output	kg/day	50.0	427 scf/kg
Compressor Output	scfm	20.0	
Gas Cost	\$/Mcf	3.782	
Reformer Flow Ratio (H2 out/NG in)		1.99	
Reformer Burner Flow Fraction		46.9%	
Reformer Gas Consumption	scfh	603	
Reformer Utility Gas Cost	\$/hr	1.07	
Reformer Processed Gas Cost	\$/hr	1.21	
Electric Cost (nom/L/H)	\$/kWh	0.07	0.04 0.15
Electric Demand Cost (nom/L/H)	\$/kW/mo.	20	0 40
Total Electric Load	kW	16	

#### Utilization

Initial Utilization	0%	100.0%
Growth Rate Factor	2/.01	1
Max. Utilization		100.0%
Years to Max. Utilization	100%	4
Operating Days per Year	6500	365
Operating Hours per Day		18

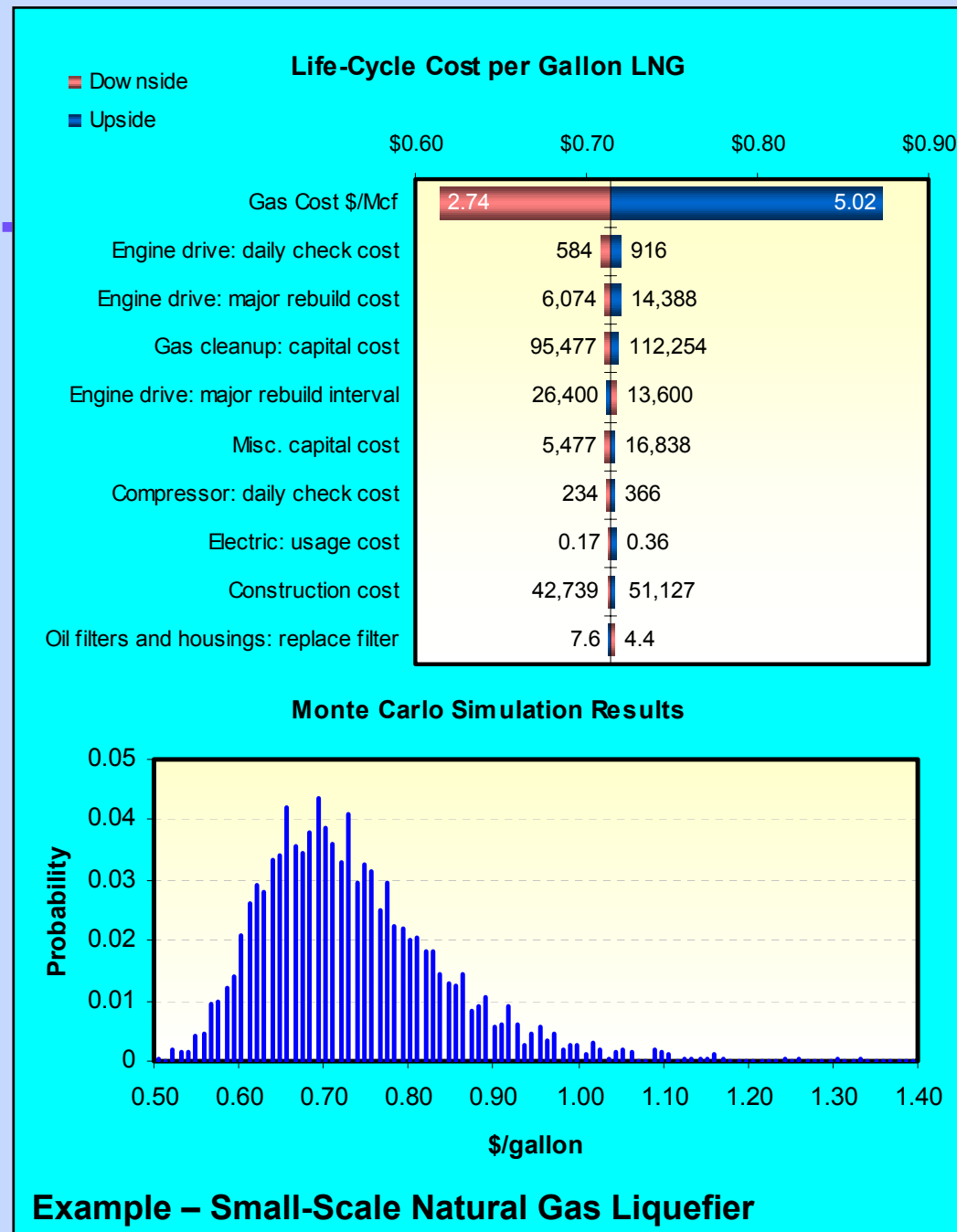
#### Financial Parameters

Fueling Station Useful Life	yrs	10
Working Capital	% of $\Delta$ inc.	2.6%
Salvage Value	of orig.	0%
Depreciation Method		M
Real Discount Rate	annual	8%
Marginal Tax Rate		34%



# Economic Analysis

- **Sensitivity Analyses**
  - Identifies major station cost elements that influence life-cycle costs
- **Monte Carlo Simulations**
  - Yield a distribution of expected life-cycle costs
  - Range of probable to possible costs

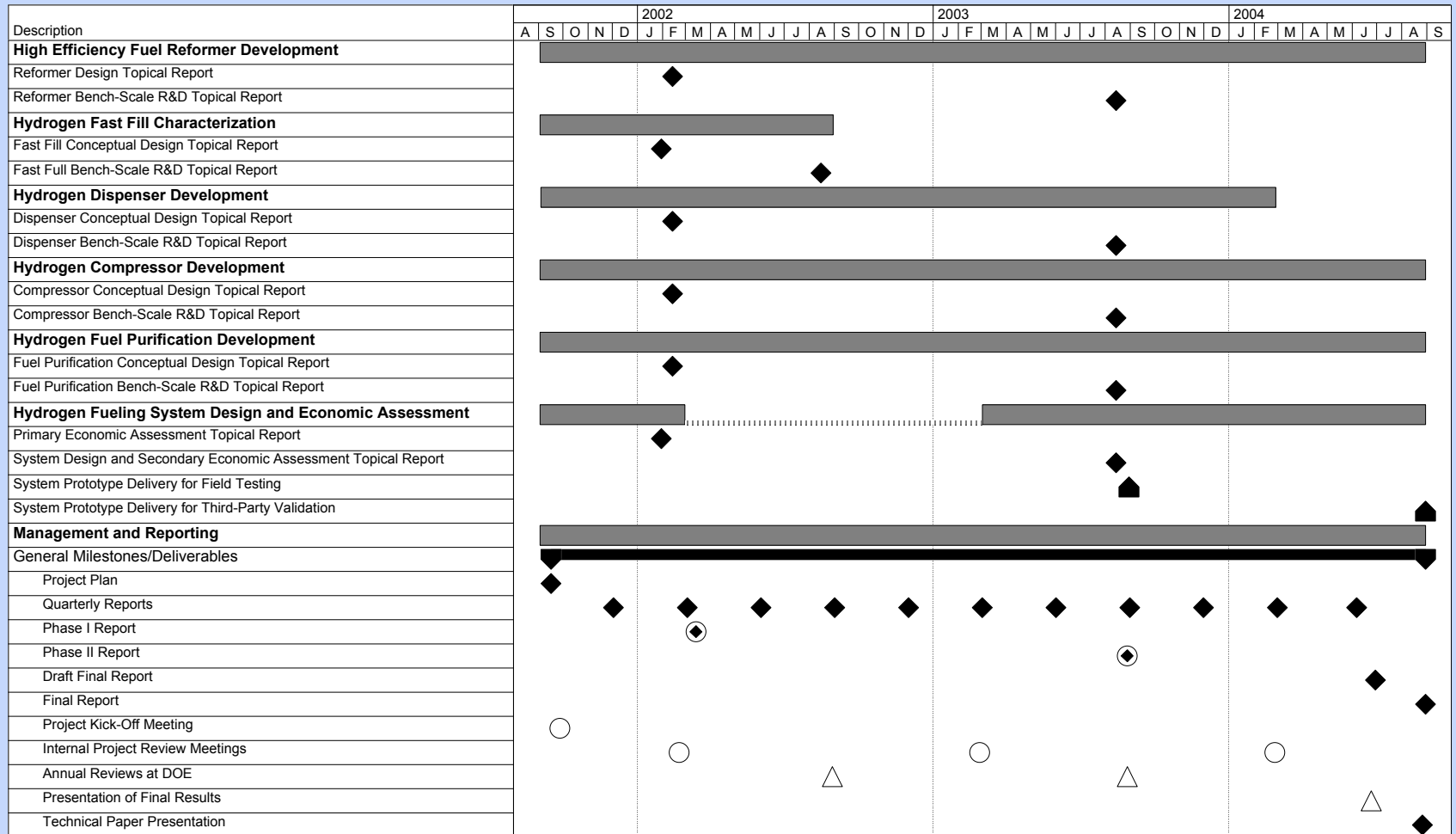


# Targeted Benefits: Systems & Subsystems

SYSTEM INTEGRATION <span style="float: right;">—————→</span>					Comprehensive Hydrogen Fueling Station design (GTI and FuelMaker).
REFORMERS	PURIFIERS	COMPRESSORS	DISPENSERS	STORAGE	Strategies for integration of reformer, purifier, and compressor operation (GTI and FuelMaker).
<p>Natural gas reformers suitable for H<sub>2</sub> fueling stations and stationary fuel cells (from GTI/Mosaic Energy).</p> <p>Liquid fuel-based reformers for hydrogen fueling stations and stationary fuel cells (from GTI/Mosaic Energy and IHI).</p>	<p>Cost effective strategies for natural gas cleanup, shift conversion, and CO removal (from GTI/Mosaic Energy).</p> <p>Highly innovative product strategies for post-reformer water and CO<sub>2</sub> removal (from FuelMaker).</p>	<p>Family of appliance-quality products for H<sub>2</sub> fueling (FuelMaker).</p> <p>Units ranging from individual home fueling systems to integrated designs for larger stations. Suitable for use with time fill or fast fill vehicle applications.</p> <p>Compressors suited for use with reformer or electrolyzer-based equipment (FuelMaker and Stuart Energy).</p>	<p>High-quality Hydrogen Dispenser for public fueling (from Tulsa Gas Technologies).</p> <p>Integrated dispensing strategies (with compressor appliance) for low-cost onsite H<sub>2</sub> fueling (from FuelMaker).</p> <p>State-of-the-Art fast fill algorithm for addressing hydrogen underfill issues (GTI and FuelMaker).</p>	<p>Demonstrated hydrogen cascade storage system for hydrogen fueling stations (Norris Cylinder Company).</p>	<p>Computer program - CASCADE - for sizing H<sub>2</sub> compressors and cascade storage systems (GTI).</p> <p>Technology transfer to interested partners in the NGV Fueling Station business (GTI/Blue Energy).</p>



# Program Tasks & Schedule



# Summary

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- **Hydrogen and Natural Gas...Strong Connectivity**
- **Program Will Build On Substantial NGV Experience**
  - Work with leading suppliers to this industry
- **Project Slightly Behind Schedule**
  - Contracting issues
- **Expect Range of Products To Result From This Program**
  - Hydrogen compressors, dispensers, filling algorithms, fuel clean-up strategies...



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